

trine of separation of powers. The President is being tried in this new breed of Court with a new rule—Guilt by Recollection.

**George V. Hansen, Idaho:**

The Senate has never demonstrated more tellingly the prima donna roles so many of its members aspire to than in the conduct of the public hearings just recently recessed. This type of hearing where so many legal ramifications and implications are involved just doesn't lend itself to doing the necessary job of seeing justice done without undue delay and without unnecessary damage to the reputations of many people whose lives are touched by this incident.

Although I think that the involvement of a special prosecutor such as Mr. Cox was an unnecessary slap at the normal workings of the Justice Department, I find far more progress apparently being made in both the Watergate investigation and in political improprieties in his sphere than that which is materializing before the Senate Select Committee.

While members of the U.S. Senate are conducting their modern version of an Inquisition to "purify" the Executive Department, I wonder if they shouldn't, in all fairness, give equal time to exposing "coverup activities" among Senators and Congressmen in areas of honest reporting of campaign receipts and expenditures.

**Harold H. Velde, Illinois:**

I am indeed happy to join with other Republican former Members of Congress in the battle to counter attempts by some merciless Democrats and members of the "Hate Nixon" media coupled with too many misguided or apathetic Republicans in the all-out effort to destroy not only the President but the presidency itself. In their terrible zeal to commit this carnage these individuals are apparently also willing to destroy the time honored constitutional division of powers. Our counter attack on behalf of our friend must be strong and courageous and we must instill in the present Republican Members of Congress the desire and courage to join with us in this necessary action on behalf of President Nixon.

We who have served in the Congress with Dick Nixon know him as a man of highest moral character, integrity and ability. We know him as a well disciplined and courageous American upon whom we can depend to carry out the constitutional principles of justice, freedom and individual enterprise which will continue this country in its rightful place as a leader of nations.

**Willard S. Curtin, Pennsylvania:**

In these troubled times we must all "keep our cool". So many people today find it easier to jump to conclusions on sensational statements rather than on facts. Let's wait until all the real evidence is in and not prejudice our President.

**E. Y. Berry, South Dakota:**

I feel strongly that the news media and the Senate wolves are destroying not only public confidence in the Nixon Administration but in the Presidency as an institution. Let the courts deal with any wrongdoers, let a Democrat Congress legislate rather than crucify and let an innocent President build on his fine record of bringing peace abroad and stability at home.

**Hammer H. Budge, Idaho:**

Richard Nixon has earned the confidence and respect not only of America but of the World. As the president he has my complete and enthusiastic support. At this time in history the real tragedy would be if he were not the President.

**Ed A. Mitchell, Indiana:**

Even the British refer to the Committee as "Senatorial Inquisition".

**Thor C. Tollefson, Wash.:**

My opinion of Nixon has not changed one iota despite the efforts of the left wing press to ruin his reputation. They have never forgiven him for proving them wrong in the Hiss case.

The Senate committee hearings on the Watergate affairs are a travesty on justice. While I have witnessed some bad committee hearings in my day (and deplored them), the current hearings are far and away the worst in that they seem to be an effort to derogate the office of the President of the United States. They will do harm, not good, to our nation.

**S. Walter Stauffer, Penn.:**

I have hopefully been waiting for leadership in the defense of President Nixon in the Watergate fiasco. Instead of a Nixon cover-up, the Senate committee should be investigating the cover-up of the Bay of Pigs incident.

This is a new low in Senate Committee investigations.

**Ed Foreman, Texas:**

Never in recent history has there been an individual so well prepared, capable and experienced to lead our nation as Richard Nixon . . . and never in history has a President accomplished as many important goals for our people in so short a time as has Richard Nixon. He ended the war in Vietnam and brought the POW's home. He has ushered in a new era of Peace in the World as a result of his effective negotiations with Russia, China and others. He has maintained a strong security force to protect our country, yet we've moved from the draft to a voluntary service and the percentage of our overall budget spent for armaments has decreased, while the human resources part of the budget has doubled. Employment is at an all-time record high and personal income is at a new peak. The riots, unrest and disorder of the 1960's no longer plague us on the domestic front. The federal government is being decentralized to move the decision making to local elected officials. President Nixon has earned our respect . . . he deserves our encouragement and support.

**J. Ernest Whayton, New York:**

I hope that we may soon see Congress returning to the cause of legislation, leaving the Courts to their proper judicial duties, and an end to the harassment of our Chief Executive so that he may proceed with his program, which overall, has really been the best of our generation.

**Howard W. Pollock, Alaska:**

History will indeed record Richard Nixon as a great President, notwithstanding the star chamber proceedings of the Committee political inquisition, and the insidious efforts of the press to overplay the Watergate affair all out of proportion. This great leader has brought peace and stability to the world, reduced internal tension and crime, cut expenditures, curbed inflation, turned the machinery of government against drug traffic, and the list of his accomplishments is almost endless. He has asserted his innocence about Watergate, and I believe him. Those who maliciously crucify the President for political gain do a major disservice to their country.

**Robert Barry, New York:**

History will record the Nixon years as great advances for peace on earth! Let each of us participate by supporting our leader.

**Durward G. Hall, Missouri:**

Hope our President always know that "Doc" Hall would never sit on his hands or stand idly by while reporters who have forgotten their objectives become self fashioned "commentators" and perform evacuative surgery from the rear without benefit of anesthesia. Partisan abuse of legislative authority by

the Democrats simply adds to what the American people generally are trying to prove—namely, that we cannot govern ourselves as a limited republic of responsible people under a constitution. Only an unhampered and principled Chief Executive can save this form of government at this time and place. Irresponsible leadership of both parties in the Congress makes it necessary for all citizens to rally to his support in this time of greatest trial and need. I am for him one thousand percent and preaching it at every opportunity. We need fear not the Executive branch versus the Legislative or Judicial, but the complacency of the American people as we trip among the primrose path to deterioration and perdition.

**Elizabeth P. Farrington, (Hawaii):**

To compare anyone to Christ is sacrilege. But let me remind you that we do not blame Jesus Christ because he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, an apostle in whom Christ had placed His faith.

Hindsight is always better than foresight. Now that the President knows he has been betrayed by some evil men, he will be even a better and more watchful President than he would have been otherwise.

Let him get on with the job he was elected to do and bring the culprits to immediate trial in the Courts.

I have known Richard M. Nixon ever since he first went to the Congress following the elections of 1946. He is not capable of doing evil. All of us can be mistaken in judgment at times. I would infinitely rather see a man make a mistake by putting too much faith in others than never to trust anyone.

Now that the cruel truth has been revealed, let us help the President by looking forward, not backward; looking up, not down; looking out, not in; and lend a hand.

**Walter L. McVey, Kansas:**

We are for him 100%, not only in believing the President to be innocent of any wrongdoing in the Watergate affair, but also in believing him to be right in defending the doctrine of separation of powers.

The actions of the Senate's Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities confirm the wisdom of the framers of our Constitution in fearing the tyranny of Congress. When it comes to unfairness the Committee's hearings rival the Spanish Inquisition and the English Star Chamber proceedings.

**Robert Withrop Kean, N.J.:**

It has been an American tradition for the people to accept the verdict of the voters every four years. Now for the first time, those whose philosophy was repudiated at the polls have refused to accept the verdict of the people, and have been trying to reverse their decision by attacks on the President in their newspaper, their television and by the highly partisan members of the Senate Committee.

**William Henry Harrison, Wyo.:**

I have known Dick Nixon for many years and I am sure that he had no knowledge of the Watergate affair. Had he known he would certainly not try to cover it up. In spite of the fact that to date no real evidence has been produced against him the press still tries and convicts him with the help of the committee.

I believe in him and hope that some attention will be paid to the fine things he has accomplished for our country. In my opinion he has been and is a fine President.

**DeWitt S. Hyde, Maryland:**

Excerpts of his personal letter to the President:

"May I express to you my confidence and support. It is a tragedy that the events of Watergate have been permitted to obscure and obstruct the great accomplishments of your administration. The worst part of the

tragedy has been the conduct of the Senate, the press and even of the Court.

"While many people are disturbed and perplexed, it is my impression that if you continue your present course of open and discreet discussion the majority of the people will be with you."

John W. Bricker, Ohio; (Senator and Vice President nominee, 1948):

I certainly deplore the things that have happened that are illegal on the part of the people whom the President trusted. I have full confidence in the President and hope and pray that he comes out of this so that he may continue his constructive services. I think the reporting of it has been unconscionable on the part of a limited part of the Press and of the television and radio.

In my judgment the whole Watergate matter is for the Courts of Justice. I have not listened to a great deal of the testimony before the Senate Committee but when I have it gave me the impression of being something of a show put on for public consumption and a great deal of it beside the issue. A Senate Committee is not a court and such hearings ought to be limited to the presentation of legislation which would be in response to the absolute facts and not inadmissible evidence as much has been before the Committee. The whole matter has done much to disturb the public as well as to interfere with the orderly processes of government.

I expect I have talked to as many people as most of you in Washington and during this program and feel that a great majority of the people in the Midwest feel as I do about the matter.

There are many things I could say but I have confidence in the President and the Vice President as well and think that the leaks to the Press have been deplorable. We can't live as good citizens under that kind of procedure.

Patrick J. Hillings, California:

The great accomplishments of President Nixon and his Administration should not be deterred by the stupid actions of a few people in which he was not involved.

For the first time in more than a generation there is no major conflict in the world and the chance for a lasting peace for all people is greater than ever; our President has made this possible.

It is time for all of us to rally behind him in the great leadership he has provided and will continue to provide. He needs our help and we need his dedicated leadership.

Leverett B. Saltonstall, Massachusetts (Senator):

Let us remember the helpful things President Nixon has done. The troops that our Democratic Administration sent overseas are back again—our prisoners released—let us stop spending the millions of dollars of our taxpayers money to find trouble but to find our lost soldiers and to feed our hungry. Let us support the leader of our Country.—He cannot lead us without our support—today—now.

Mr. President, the burdens on the President of the United States are beyond description. We who serve in the legislative branch are busy, but compared with the Presidency, our constituency and our responsibilities are both small. All of us have to delegate duties and in the case of the President, the necessity for delegation of duties and responsibilities is many times greater.

The year 1972 was a momentous one. The Vietnam war was being wound down,

leading to the return of our combat troops and the return of prisoners of war. The Middle East crisis constitutes a heavy load upon any President and could consume all of his time. There were the historic visits to China and Russia. In addition to these unusual happenings, the usual burdens of the Presidency are great. Congressmen and Senators, Governors, mayors, Cabinet officials, department heads, ambassadors, representatives and heads of foreign states, industrial leaders, financial leaders, educational, and religious leaders, organization heads and many others feel that they should have the ear of the President and oftentimes they do.

To continue these Watergate hearings, which obviously are viewed by many as a means to "get Nixon," are to say the least an unjustified harassment. Certain forces did "get President John F. Kennedy." Many of us believe that vicious attacks and harassments over the Vietnam war drove President Lyndon B. Johnson to the decision not to run for reelection. The Watergate hearings add fuel to the fire of these same destructive elements.

In my mind and heart I am convinced that President Richard M. Nixon had no part in the Watergate scandal and that the true facts were withheld from him far too long.

Legislative hearings should be for the purpose of securing information to write legislation. These hearings should, insofar as possible, follow the rules of evidence and maintain a judicial atmosphere. Such is not the case in reference to the Watergate hearings. There is an atmosphere of fanaticism accompanying these hearings. This is shown by the allegation that the Watergate scandal was a greater tragedy than the Civil War.

The Civil War lasted almost 5 years. The number of Union dead were 360,222 and the Confederate dead amounted to 258,000. I do not have a figure for the number of Confederate men who were injured, but the estimate for the Union side is 275,175. The great Civil War set brother against brother and kinsman against kinsman. It tore our country asunder not for the period of the war but for decades. It brought hatred and ill will. It divided our country in its efforts for progress and good government and it led to the assassination of one President. The era of Reconstruction was a great tragedy in itself.

The comparison of Watergate to the Civil War shows how far we have drifted from judicial moorings. These proceedings should stop.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT— APPROVAL OF A BILL

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated by Mr. Marks, one of his secretaries, and he announced that, on September 14, 1973, the President had approved and signed the bill (S. 1841) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 with regard to the broadcasting of certain professional sports clubs' games.

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. NUNN) laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States, which, pursuant to Public Law 91-224, section 204, with the accompanying report, was referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce, Interior and Insular Affairs, and Public Works. The message is as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress this Fourth Annual Report of the Council on Environmental Quality.

The year 1970, when I transmitted the Council's First Annual Report, signaled a time of great environmental awakening in the United States. Much has been accomplished in the succeeding 3 years.

In place of organizational disorder and fragmentation, we have developed institutions capable of dealing with environmental problems in a systematic and effective way. At the Federal level, the Council on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency were established in 1970. Most States have created similar offices, giving greater prominence and coherence to their own environmental programs.

We have also enacted new and stronger environmental protection laws and have made substantial progress in defining problems, establishing goals, and designing strategies for abating pollution and preserving our natural heritage. The chapter in this report entitled "Perspectives on Environmental Quality," describes the important progress we have made. In some instances, such as air pollution, a national program is well advanced. In other areas, such as noise pollution, our work is just beginning. But in all areas, our knowledge about the environment and our capacity to protect and preserve it increase day by day.

Our energies have not been confined to domestic environmental problems. In the world community we have provided strong leadership in responding to environmental concerns and in fostering international efforts to solve problems which transcend national boundaries. The chapter "International Action to Protect the Environment" summarizes the progress made in recent years in protecting the oceans, controlling transboundary pollution, and preserving the fragile natural heritage of our planet.

Other chapters in this report further illustrate the gains that have been made. American initiative—our ability to solve problems rather than simply bemoaning them—has increasingly been turned to environmental improvement in recent years and the results are becoming evident in one area after another.

The chapter on "Cleaning up the Willamette," for example shows that a grossly polluted river can be restored to purity and health. Fifty years ago this Oregon river was offensive to the senses. Today the waters are clean and salmon migrate upstream in the fall. The people of Oregon, whose determination brought